



Sunnyside News

SUNNYSIDE

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

February 28 Communiqué



Hi Sunnyside Family,

First let me say thank you for the positive responses we have received as we concluded our series “How to Kill a Church.” We have a wonderful community at Sunnyside and we are poised to go deeper on the values that make us who we are.

I have almost finished entering all the church surveys (over 100!) but want to give you one last chance between now and next week to get in your survey. We definitely have motifs and themes showing up in the response that are extremely valuable—even people across ethnic, age, and gender backgrounds converging on several things that both affirm what we are doing as well as suggesting areas for growth. To all who have taken the time to help us understand who we are in this moment of earth’s history, thank you!

This Sabbath we have our International Sabbath and I want to challenge all of us not only to celebrate the diversity we have in our community, but to plan on attending the food fair in the evening so we can truly engage each other on an interpersonal level. Another thank you to all who have helped put this amazing experience together.

We have several more experiences coming up that I need to make you aware of. Bethani King will be sharing March 7th, followed by special guest Linda Schaffner, and then our Pathfinder Sabbath. Each of these experiences will be well worth it and is important for the continual ministry, especially towards children (a theme that came up in the surveys) at Sunnyside.

Now, you’ll notice this means less pastors in the pulpit over the next couple weeks.

This was not by intent, but by several scheduling challenges and shifts that we had to accommodate to make sure we had space for our various ministries. But just so you know, your pastors are here teaching Sabbath school, attending socials, available for visits (just call the office or send an email), and working on boards and committees as we wrap up phase one of our visioning process.

After a short message during our annual Easter Program, and sharing at communion the following week, I will be starting a new sermon series on April 11 called “The Powers That Be: A Journey Through Ephesians.” This is to set up a sermon series on the U.S. in Bible prophecy this summer I’ll be sharing.

For now, as we prepare to enter a busy, stressful (but blessed) season of Easter, spring concerts, and graduations, cling to the promise in Romans 8:28, “We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” May you see God working all things together in your life as you trust in Him.

Pastor Seth Pierce, Ph.D.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome to Sunnyside! We are happy you are here to worship with us. Let us know who you are by filling out one of the Connect Cards and handing it to the deacons or place it in the box in the foyer before you leave.



Please pray for the following family:

† **Lou Wildman** passed away on December 21, 2025. A Celebration of Life service will be conducted here at Sunnyside Church Sunday, March 8, 2026, at 2:00 pm, including the OAMC choir with music for the service. A light reception will follow.



The Selection Committee for 2025 consists of the following people: Ivonne Allen, Del Colton, Joan Fenn, Norman Henry, Matt Mandrones, Kevin Petersen, Barbara Plubell, Dennis Plubell, Larry Ramey, Edson Simon, and Phyllis Woods. The Selection Committee shall nominate the chair, the secretary, and the members of the Nominating Committee; and persons to fill vacancies on the Nominating Committee. The first meeting will be **on March 11, 6:30 pm** via Zoom.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GROUP

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We invite you to join our Young Professionals Bible study every Sabbath morning at 10:00 am, in the Tualatin room. It offers a welcoming space to dive into Scripture, ask real questions, and connect faith with the rhythms of life, relationships, and daily decisions. Come as you are and grow together in community.



Membership Transfer – First Reading:

Joining: Mechelle Peinado from Meadow Glade SDA Church, Battle Ground, Wash.

Leaving: Karen Hamilton to Hood View Adventist Church

Tim, Heidi, Annalise, and Dexter Hill to Collegedale SDA Church, Tennessee

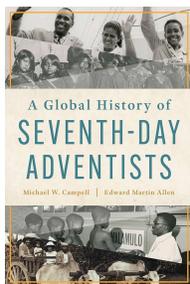
Anzhelika Legerman to Salem Central SDA Church, Salem, Oregon



Join us this evening for our annual International Food Festival! Come taste the flavors of our collective heritage all while raising money for the Sunnyside Family Resource Network! Doors open at 6:00 pm. Use cash, check, or card at the Exchange Table to get coins to spend at the festival. –Cash and check preferred to help cut down on Square transaction fees. See you there!



Save the date, March 19, 1:00 pm, Tim Peterson, Trust Officer from the Oregon Conference, will present information on Wills and Trusts here at Sunnyside Church, sponsored by Senior Ministries. Please RSVP to info@SunnysideAdventist.org.



When Michael Campbell, Ph.D., was here, some of you purchased his book. If you have purchased the book and paid for it, please don't forget to pick it up. This is on the honor system, and they are in the workroom. Thank you.



Thailand Mission Trip, March 10-31, 2026. Our Thailand Mission Trip church building budget is \$28,000. We've received so far \$19,808 leaving \$8,192 yet to raise. Please mark your donations as Thailand Mission. You may view pictures of the church building progress at the end of the [Communiqué](#). For more information contact Ray Betz at 503-756-3667 (text or call) or via email at betzrm@comcast.net – be sure to include "Thailand Mission Trip" in the subject line. Thank you for your help and participation with this valuable and rewarding mission.



CREATED TO BELONG: Cultivating a Sabbath School Where Every Child Feels Seen, Valued, and Included

Every child who walks into your Sabbath School should know one thing: *You belong here*. This two-part workshop explores how to create a welcoming, safe, and spiritually nurturing environment for **all** children – including those with special needs, behavioral challenges, and diverse backgrounds.

March 13 | Friday 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Part 1: Establishing a Culture of Belonging

Focuses on building a mindset and ministry culture that prioritizes inclusion, acceptance, and connection.

March 14 | Sabbath 1:30 – 3:00 PM

Part 2: Strategies and Tools for Inclusive Ministry

Offers practical tools, classroom strategies, and real-life examples to support leaders and volunteers in making every child feel welcome.



Presenter: Linda Schaffner has been involved in Children's Ministries for over 25 years. She has held many different positions including Sabbath School Teacher, local church Children's Ministries Coordinator, VBS Director, Camp Meeting Children's Division Coordinator, and Conference Children's Ministries Coordinator. She has worked with the NAD as the Special Needs Specialist and written material for the new General Conference Sabbath School curriculum, *Alive in Jesus*. Linda graduated from Loma Linda University with a Master of Physical Therapy degree. She has worked in various educational and medical settings with children with disabilities. In 2010 her youngest child was diagnosed with Autism at the age of 5. This has given her firsthand experience in the daily challenges and joys of parenting a child with special needs.



Wednesday mornings at 10:00, FaithLift, a group for ladies, meets here at the church to study the Bible, share their stories, and pray together over many needs as well as for those that need extra prayers. If this sounds like something you would enjoy attending, please come and join us. If you cannot be here in person, there is a Zoom link available to be able to join remotely.



Wednesday mornings at 10:00, our Men's Bible Study group meets to study the Bible together in the Columbia Room. Men, you are all invited to join us for this weekly study.



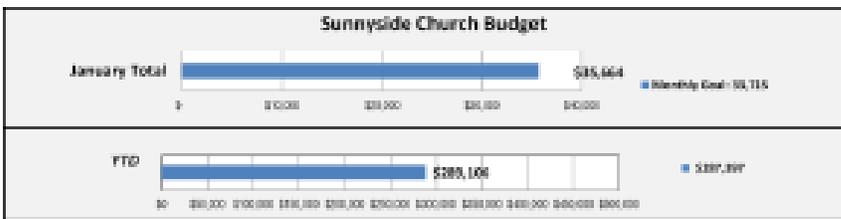
Our flower calendar is posted in the hallway and [online](#). (Go to our website, www.SunnysideAdventist.org, click on "Our Ministries.") Please choose a date to share flowers with your Sunnyside family for worship services and place your name on it. As the date gets closer, we will contact you to see what you would like in the bulletin about the flowers.



We are blessed with some very strong prayer warriors. If you have a special request, please contact the church office at 503-252-8080 or info@sunnysideadventist.org to submit your request. There is power in prayer, and it truly makes a difference.



Give online: orad.us/Give2Sunnyside





There are some of our family that need help with transportation in order to attend church. If any of you would be willing to help with this need, please contact the office for specific information 503-252-8080 or via email at Info@SunnysideAdventist.org.



If you live at CherryWood Retirement, our bus stops there to pick up anyone who would like to attend church. Please be ready, we stop by at 10:45 am for our church service at 11:15 am. This transportation is free, but if you'd like to contribute, you may mark it to "Bus."



Currently, we are seeking volunteers to help us with video, audio, and the children's division. Please call 503-252-8080 if you would like to get involved.



Would you like to hear the service more clearly? Sunnyside Church provides assistive hearing devices you may borrow. They are located in the Deacons' office. Just let a deacon know of your need and they will be happy to help you.



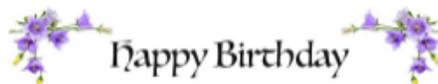
We would like to publicly recognize special milestones in your life. Please take a moment to share with us special birthdays, anniversaries, or any other celebrations. We are family and we would like to share with each other. Also, please let us know when you are sick or need other prayers. We want to be a part of your life and pray together with you. Send an email to info@SunnysideAdventist.org or call the office at 503-252-8080 and let us know the latest with your family!



During this difficult time, if you are in need of financial help, let us know. Call the church office at 503-252-8080 or send an email to info@SunnysideAdventist.org.



Our Family Resource Network has been privileged to assist many of our members when things have been challenging for them or they have experienced unexpected expenses. We have helped with rent, utilities, food, gas, car repairs, and more. We would like you to be aware of what we do and give you an opportunity to contribute to the fund being used to assist our family. Mark your tithe envelope or check for Family Resource Network, and you will know that you have had the privilege of



Birthdays for this upcoming week.

Justice Curtis, Kathy Kramer, Alice Nielsen, Willetha Rayburn,
Ardina Wang, Aagelica Caministeanu, Lori Lund, Virlys Moller,
Kirk Junk, Dorothy LeMert, Cindy Vessler



Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

OPEN HOUSE & FOOD FAIR – THURSDAY, MAR. 5

NEW and CURRENT families are invited to come and see what makes PAES such a special place to be and register for next school year! In partnership with our constituent churches, we are hosting an **Open House & Food Fair on Marc 5th from 5:30-7:30pm!** Classrooms will be open with student work on display, you'll be able to talk with next year's teachers, and the food fair with food for purchase will be happening in the gym! Join us for the fun!

Full-Time Treasurer Needed at PAES! Portland Adventist Elementary School is seeking a full-time treasurer to join our PK-8 campus. This role requires good communication, flexibility, and skills in bookkeeping/accounting (QuickBooks experience preferred; training available). Responsibilities include billing, payroll, reconciliations, A/R and A/P, 1099 filing, budgeting, and monthly/year-end closing, with occasional reports to the school board. Interested candidates can send their resume to principal@paes.com.

Substitute Teachers Needed at PAES! Portland Adventist Elementary School is in need of substitute teachers for the 2025-2026 school year! We are looking for dedicated and compassionate individuals who enjoy being around children and in the school environment. Requirements: Age 21+, college degree preferred, and experience teaching and/or supervising children ages 5-13. If you are interested and would like more information, please reach out to admin@paes.com to apply.



Portland Adventist Academy

<https://paasda.org>

PAA Auction Update – Support Students at Portland Adventist Academy

The Portland Adventist Academy Student Scholarship Auction has moved to an exciting online format, making it easier than ever for you to participate and support students!

Auction celebrations kick off Friday, March 6 at 12:00 PM

👉 Visit <https://PAASA.ourschool.auction> to watch special student stories and learn why PAA students need YOU.

Online Silent Auction

MAR 21 March 6 – March 15 (closes at 8:00 PM)

Bid on unique experiences, gift packages, and exclusive items – all while helping provide life-changing scholarships for students.

LIVE Livestream Auction Event

MAR 21 March 15 | 5:00 – 6:00 PM

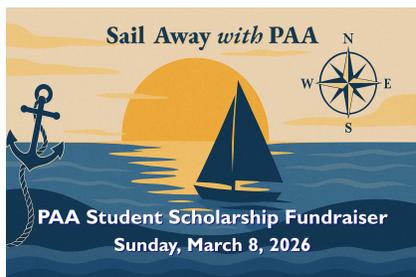
Join at <https://PAASA.ourschool.auction>

Don't miss exciting live auction packages featuring unforgettable destinations, adventures, and once-in-a-lifetime opportunities.

Your participation helps ensure students can grow in a Christ-centered environment where they are known, loved, and prepared to lead.

♥ Every bid changes a student's future.

If auctions and bidding are not your favorite way to participate, you can still support students and help them learn a place where they are known and loved. Visit <https://PAASA.ourschool.auction> and share a gift from the heart in any amount, anytime between March 6 and March 15.




ALUMNI WEEKEND
May 1-2, 2026



HONOR CLASSES
1951 (75-year), 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976 (50-year), 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001 (25-year), 2006, 2011, 2016, 2021 (5-year)

PAA & Fred Meyer. You may support PAA through the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program. Just connect a Fred Meyer digital account and connect it to your Shopper's Card, and designate Portland Adventist Academy as the organization you wish to support. You can get it all done on the Fred Meyer website here:

<https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards>



Rivergate Adventist Elementary School

<https://www.rgsda.org/>



Hood View Adventist School

<https://www.hvja.org/>



<https://www.tualatinvalleyacademy.org/>



Walla Walla University

<https://wallawalla.edu>

Visit: jobs.wallawalla.edu.

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join us for a weekend where we disconnect from the world and fully connect with our Savior! Come expecting to be transformed at this year's Oregon Prayer Conference in Rockaway Beach, Oregon! This year's event will be held **March 20-22** at the Twin Rocks Convention Center and will host speaker Pavel Goia. Pavel Goia holds two master's degrees and a Doctor of Ministry. He pastored in his native country of Romania and the United States for many years. Current he is an editor of Ministry Magazine and associate director for the Ministerial Association at the General Conference. His life has been filled with powerful answers to prayer and continues to be one miracle after another. Together with Kelly Mowrer, he authored the book, "In the Spirit and Power," which emphasizes the vital need for prayer, revival and full commitment to God's service. Learn more and register for this year's prayer conference at orad.us/2026ORprayerconference. Questions? Contact Oregon Conference Prayer Ministries at Tawny.Sportsman@oregonadventist.org, or call 541-401-2521.



MILO WOMEN'S RETREAT May 29-31, 2026 A Woman After God's Own Heart. JoAnn Davidson will be sharing what it means to be a Woman After God's Own Heart – flipping the script and discovering God's Heart in the Proverbs 31 woman. Not a checklist – A calling – Not Perfection – A Promise. Seeing how God often uses ordinary, even unlikely women, just like us to accomplish his purpose. To register send an email with your information to gqc.retreat@gmail.com or contact Tina at 541.530.3870 if you have questions.

YOUR DONATION EQUIPS OUR MINISTRY

We are collecting gently used or new copies
of these essential books:



Please bring your donated copies to PACS
11020 NE Halsey St Portland, OR 97220

Help us share the life-changing message of faith with our community!



How do we serve?

Portland Adventist Community Services – PACS is a vibrant faith-based Community of Service with staff, volunteers, donors, and community partners who provide food, low-cost dental care, and low-cost clothing/household items to individuals and families.

Hours: Thrift Store, Sun | 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Mon – Thurs | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Fri | 9:00 am – 2:30 pm / Sat | Closed

Donation Drop Sun | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Mon – Thurs | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm / Fri – Sat | Closed

Dental Clinic:

Contact the Gateway Grace Dental Clinic to schedule an appointment 503-907-6768

Volunteers:

To volunteer at PACS, contact Jaclyn Russell at (503) 252-8500 ext. 1130

Donations:

From large to small, we take them all.

Money, clothing, even big and tall,

humble egg boxes, and home goods for all

If you are looking for an opportunity to serve in a missional environment focused on giving hope to those in need through Portland Adventist Community Services, then please go to: <https://www.pacsonline.org/job>
There are three postings available.

* Development & Planning Manager

* Thrift Store Assistant Manager (Part-time)

PACS Thrift Store has many shoppers. We need Steps to Christ, Bibles, and Guides to share with them. If you have so to share, please let us know or bring them to PACS and hand them in to the office.



PACS is Hiring!

Portland Adventist Community Services is Hiring! Come join our non-profit organization in the Portland area that serves the community with a Thrift Store, Food Pantry, and Dental Clinic. **We are hiring a Development & Planning Manager, Dental Clinic Coordinator, and Dental Assistant.** If you are interested in these positions, please visit our website, <https://www.pacsonline.org/careers>.

PACS needs truck drivers. Why?

This year, so far, our truck drivers have brought 365,670 lbs.(Jan-Mar) in donated food to feed our diverse community. That represents a huge number of people being fed. What a difference PACS drivers make! If you have a heart for people and like to drive a truck, no CDL license is needed, don't hesitate to contact Jaclyn.

Hours: 7:30-11:00-ish

Telephone: Jaclyn Russell at (503)-252-4589

Email: Jaclyn.russell@pacsonline.org

Sign-up: <https://www.pacsonline.org/volunteer>

Better Life Television, a non-profit Christian (Seventh-day Adventist) broadcasting ministry comprising television, internet, radio, broadcasting, and evangelism, is seeking a Speaker/Executive Director of Operations to drive performance and operational excellence for our organization. Employment preference will be given to members of Adventist church, as permitted under the EEOC's Title VII provision. This position is based in Grants Pass, Oregon. [Learn more about this position.](#)

NW Adventist Federal Credit Union is hiring a Member Solutions Specialist. Why Join Us? We are more than a credit union. We are a ministry of service to our community. When you join our team, you'll find a workplace that is kind, supportive, and mission-driven. If you have a heart for service and enjoy meaningful, detail-oriented work, we would love to meet you. Apply today! Send your resume to staff@mynwcu.com or visit www.mynwcu.com/careers.



Are you interested in becoming a hospital spiritual care volunteer? Adventist Health Portland Spiritual Care department invites individuals of all ages to apply. Volunteers will have the opportunity to offer pre-surgery support for patients and their families, ensure patients have access to spiritual resources, and more. If you feel called to be part of our team, take the first step by filling out our application form: <https://www.volgistics.com/appform/769001903>

Adventist Health Hospice is looking for compassionate volunteers to provide companionship to patients, provide a much-needed brief break for a tired caregiver, make phone calls on Thursdays to check on patient supplies, or assist with light housekeeping, errands, or pet support. Thorough training and support are provided by Adventist Health Hospice team members. If interested in learning more, contact Karen Hartmann, Bereavement/Volunteer Coordinator at 503-251-6192 or email Hartmakl@ah.org. You can make a loving difference in someone's life at a challenging time.

Volunteers Needed at PACS

PACS' thrift store, food pantry, and dental clinic all need volunteers. We have lots of fun and exciting jobs ranging from customer-facing cashiers and greeters to pricers and truck drivers behind the scenes. No experience or age

requirements to volunteer, we're happy to train you and welcome the entire family! If you're interested, please contact our volunteer manager, Jaclyn, at Jaclyn.russell@pacsonline.org or call 503-252-8500 x1130.

Housing Needed

- Room needed for a male, hopefully close to TriMet availability.
- Also a mother and daughter are looking for space available.

If you can help us with either of these needs, please contact the church office at 503-252-8080 or info@sunnysideadventist.org.

Pictures of Thailand Mission

